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TAGS: PBOR, BH, UN  
SUBJECT: PREMIER PRICE'S REMARKS RE UNGA VOTE ON BELIZE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS DELIVERED BY PREMIER PRICE TO CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED CHEERING BELIZEANS GATHERED AT BELIZE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO WELCOME HIM UPON HIS RETURN TO BELIZE. BEGIN TEXT: DEPUTY PREMIER, MINISTERS OF THE CABINET, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, MY FELLOW BELIZEANS. THIS IS INDEED A HAPPY MOMENT THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED VICTORY AT THE UNITED NATIONS, TO THE GREATEST DEGREE EVER. THE WHOLE WORLD NOW KNOWS WHERE THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE STAND. THEY KNOW THAT WE WANT INDEPENDENCE, AND A SECURE INDEPENDENCE. THEY KNOW THAT WE WANT TO GO INTO INDEPENDENCE WITH ALL BELIZE, ALL THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE, AS ONE NATION. WE DO NOT WANT ANY LAND CESSION. AND THIS VOTING YESTERDAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS, WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST VOTES EVER RECORDED - OF 149, 126 - A HUGE MAJORITY. AND THE POWERS THAT BE, THAT ARE NOW TRYING TO GET US TO CEDE LAND, TO GIVE UP A PART OF OUR COUNTRY AT A PRICE, OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, SHOULD KNOW THAT THE WORLD OPINION IS AGAINST SUCH A SOLUTION. FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAND CESSION DOES NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS, IT BEGINS PROBLEMS, AND THERE IS NO TELLING WHERE IT WILL STOP ONCE IT BEGINS. AND AT THIS MOMENT I THINK ALL BELIZEANS SHOULD BE UNITED BEHIND THIS FIRM, COURAGEOUS STAND OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF VICTORY IS DUE TO YOU THE PEOPLE, FIRST, WHO HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE PEACEFUL CONTRUCTIVE BELIZEAN REVOLUTION; IS DUE TO THE PARTY IN GOVERNMENT, TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNITED

NATIONS, AND ABOVE ALL IS DUE TO THE DIVINE MAKER, THE CREATOR WHO STANDS ABOVE AND IS GREATER THAN ALL OF US - THE RULER OF THE NATION. AND WITH YOUR HELP AND WITH HIS HELP, WE SHALL GO FORWARD FROM HERE TO MORE AND GREATER ACHIEVEMENT, ADVANCING THE PEACEFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE BELIZEAN REVOLUTION, UNTIL THE GOAL IS WON - A SECURE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. END TEXT.

2. A RECORDING OF ABOVE HAS BEEN BROADCAST BY RADIO BELIZE SEVERAL TIMES DAILY SINCE PREMIER'S RETURN.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL INTEREST IN UN'S HANDLING OF BELIZE DISPUTE HAS BEEN NOTICEABLY GREATER THIS YEAR THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE PREMIER'S AIRPORT STATEMENT IS BUT THE LATEST OF A SERIES OF STATEMENTS BY GOB OFFICIALS AND EDITORIALS IN GOV'T CONTROLLED BELIZE TIMES EMPHASIZING OPPOSITION TO CESSION. THIS MAY BE PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO CHARGES IN OPPOSITION PRESS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS -- BUT ESPECIALLY DURING PAST TWO WEEKS -- THAT PRICE INTENDS TO CEDE A STRIP OF BELIZEAN TERRITORY TO GUATEMALA IN EXCHANGE FOR INDEPENDENCE.  
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